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SUBJ: CHANGE OF STATUS FEE

REF: PANAMA 5222

1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER IS FIRMLY OF VIEW CANAL ZONE EMPLOYEES MUST APPLY THROUGH LAWYER AND PAY \$50 FEE FOR EACH DEPENDENT WHO DESIRES TO CHANGE STATUS AND LIVE IN PANAMA. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ON FURTHER STEPS TO OBTAIN EXEMPTION.

2. I DISCUSSED CHANGE OF STATUS ISSUE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON SEPT 27 AND LEFT AIDE-MEMOIRE. HEAD OF U S DEPARTMENT CARLOS GARAY WAS PRESENT. MINISTER WAS FIRM THAT U S CITIZENS WHO WORK IN ZONE BUT ARE NOT DOCUMENTED TO LIVE IN PANAMA MUST GO THROUGH CHANGE OF STATUS PROCEDURE AS SET OUT IN DECREE 16 IF THEY DESIRE TO RESIDE IN PANAMA. EMPLOYEE IS EXEMPTED FROM PAYMENT OF FEE OF \$50 UNDER ARTICLE X OF 1903 CONVENTION BUT DEPENDENTS MUST PAY. HE SAID THAT THIS HAD BEEN PANAMA'S TRADITIONAL POSITION. GARAY SAID THAT EMBASSY CHARGE MUST HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD VICE MINISTER OZORES WHEN CHARGE WROTE EMBASSY AID-MEMOIRE OF MAY 4, 1972.

(GARAY DID NOT EXPLAIN IF CHARGE MISUNDERSTOOD WHY

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IMMIGRATION STOPPED COLLECTING FEE UNTIL RECENTLY.)

MINISTER SAID IT WAS IMMATERIAL TO PANAMA WHO PAID FEE AND
FACT EMPLOYEE MIGHT PAY IT (AND THEREFORE IN FACT IT WAS
A TAX ON THE EMPLOYEE) HAD NO BEARING ON QUESTION.

3. GARAY SAID ARTICLE XII OF 1903 CONVENTION HAD NO
BEARING ON QUESTION. THIS APPLIED TO SUCH CHARGES AS
TOLLS, ETC., AND NOT TO QUESTION OF PROPER IMMIGRATION
DOCUMENTS TO RESIDE IN PANAMA.

4. MINISTER SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT IMMIGRATION
WAS TRYING TO COLLECT CHANGE OF STATUS FEE AT BORDER. IF
EMPLOYEE AND HIS FAMILY LIVED IN ZONE AND WERE ONLY PASSING
THROUGH REPUBLIC, THIS WAS NOT A CHANGE OF STATUS. HE
INSTRUCTED GARAY TO DISCUSS WITH DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION
AND EXPLAIN MINISTRY'S VIEW.

5. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.
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